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NEW UNIVERSITY OF FRANKFORT OPENS IN SPITE OF WAR RAVAGES

(By Associated Press.)

BERLIN, Nov. 21.—Notwithstanding the war, the new University of Frankfort has just been opened. The emperor signed the statutes of the new institution on August 1, the day the German mobilization was ordered. Thus the new seat of learning will be identified for all time with the great world war, just as the University of Berlin is known throughout Germany for having been born during the Napoleonic wars. The University of Frankfort has also attached to itself a reminiscence of those days by opening its doors on the anniversary of the battle of Leipzig, where Napoleon's power in Germany was finally broken.

The opening, on October 18, was without any special ceremony. The kaiser sent from military headquarters a dispatch expressing his regret that the "defense of the Fatherland from the nefarious attacks of our enemies" rendered it impossible for him to be present.

The institution begins its career under favorable financial and intellectual auspices. An endowment fund of about \$2,000,000 has been collected. A large part of this was given by members of the Frankfort Speyer family, which is also represented in New York. A considerable contribution was also made, it is understood, by Jacob H. Schiff, of New York, as a gift to his native city.

The city of Frankfort undertakes to make annual appropriations for meeting a part of the running expenses, a fact which gives this university a unique position among those of Germany, as it also notes a departure in municipal activities.

In Germany. It had been proposed by the contributors to the endowment that the city should have exclusive control, including the selection of the faculty; but this was rejected by the Prussian legislature; hence the appointment of professors is made by the ministry of education, as at the other universities. The city government, however, is well represented on the board of trustees and has an extensive influence over the administration of affairs.

In still another respect the University of Frankfort differs from the other German institutions. It has, namely, no theological faculty.

The new university has libraries, hospitals and museums, as part of its splendid equipment. The city of Frankfort places at its disposal the municipal library of more than 2,350,000 volumes, as well as the great city hospital established about 25 years ago. This gives the university better facilities in some departments of medicine than some of the older institutions. Thus it has two clinics especially for children's diseases; as well as others for ear and throat diseases—facilities which some of the other institutions are still lacking for. The George Speyer House for making researches into pharmaceutical chemistry, which is presided over by the famous Prof. Paul Ehrlich, has apparently been incorporated bodily into the new university. This has also been the case with the Neurological Institute of Prof. Eddinger. There are also extensive museums of zoology, mineralogy, geology and botany.

SCHOOL OF MINES EQUIPPED WITH LATEST APPLIANCES

MACKAY METALLURGICAL LABORATORY IS ONE OF THE BEST IN THE COUNTRY.

The Mackay School of Mines of the University of Nevada trains its students to fill positions in Nevada mills by means of lectures and recitations in the class room, supplemented by practical work in the Mackay metallurgical laboratory. Especial attention is paid to the cyaniding of silver and gold ores, since this process constitutes the principal metallurgical industry of the state of Nevada.

A Sperry filter press and montejeu for feeding it have just been added to the cyanide equipment of the Mackay laboratory. The press has an exposed filtering area of six cubic feet and a capacity for solids of one-quarter of a cubic foot. While small in size, it is a complete working model of one of the best types of filter presses and is much more satisfactory for the use of students than a full-size press would be. Too many mining schools install large machinery, which is used by the student rarely or not at all and is of little more value than a photograph or diagram would be. It is the policy of the Mackay School of Mines, on the other hand, to install small-size machinery and to have every student use every machine at some time during his course, thus becoming fully acquainted with its construction and operation.

The Mackay metallurgical laboratory is also well equipped to run concentrating, amalgamating, chlorinating and other leaching tests on ores of the precious metals. The equipment of the metallurgical laboratory for the testing of gold and silver ores by students is as complete as that at any mining school in the country.

In 1855 it took 274 minutes of labor to care for and raise a bushel of corn. In the year 1894 the average time required had been brought down to about 41.—Shreveport Times.

BLUSTER MINE TO HAVE STAMP MILL

WILL ALSO BUILD 3500-FOOT TRAMWAY AND ERECT SAW-MILL ON PROPERTY.

A ten-stamp mill with a capacity of fifty tons per day, a 3500-foot tramway from the mine to the mill, and a sawmill with a capacity of 5000 feet per day will be erected immediately by the Bluster Mining company at Jarbidge, Nev., according to the Salt Lake Tribune. T. B. Beadle, of Jarbidge, accompanied by Captain W. J. McVicker, arrived in Salt Lake a few days ago and has been engaged in looking over the necessary equipment for the plants. Mr. Beadle said yesterday that the plans for the erection of the mill had been completed and that the work would start in the immediate future.

The ore from the Bluster mine has been tested by the General Engineering company, and with amalgamation between 70 and 80 per cent of the values will be recovered. The tailings will be impounded, it being planned later on to erect a cyanide mill for the recovery of the values left in them.

Mr. Beadle reports the mine in excellent physical condition, with between 40,000 and 50,000 tons of milling ore blocked out. In speaking of the other mines in the district, he said that recently ore had been encountered in either the Flaxie or the Alpha, the first report being that it had been opened in the Alpha.

The ore is said to be the highest grade ever encountered in the district, and the report of the strike caused considerable excitement among the mining men of the district.

The sawmill that is to be erected on the Bluster property will furnish the mine with the necessary timber and will also furnish the necessary lumber for the building of the tramway and the milling plant.

If the full force of the German navy clashes with the full force of the British navy the United States navy may jump from third to first rank.—Savannah News.

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MINING MEN CONVERSANT WITH SITUATION PREDICT GREAT ADVANCE.

There was a decided improvement in the prices of the metals in the eastern metals market, which, says the Salt Lake Tribune of Nov. 18th, according to local mining men who received the information about the advances, promises to start a decided improvement in the mining industry. Copper is reported to have sold at 12 cents a pound, which is almost a cent a pound gain within a week. It is said to be due to a sudden demand coming rather unexpectedly from domestic consumers. Lead also advanced as did silver.

Silver was quoted in Salt Lake yesterday at 49 cents, a gain of 1/4 cent. Those conversant with the necessity by European countries for the white metal to be used as a medium of exchange look for a decided advance from now on. They point to the curtailment of copper and its effect in curtailing the silver production, and also to the fact that many of the large producers of the white metal are not offering it at the present market prices.

The bidding for electrolytic copper was 11.78 cents with it offered at 12 cents. Later quotations showed an advance in the bidding to 11.875 cents and some sales were reported at 12 cents. The sudden demand is attributed to the realization that there is not the same quantity of metal in the market that there was during the past month, the curtailment beginning to show in a marked degree in the output coming from the refineries.

In the New York lead market, and also at St. Louis, the prices for that metal advanced. In New York the price was \$3.65 bid for a hundred pounds and \$3.75 asked, as compared with \$3.55 bid and \$3.65 asked on the day before. The St. Louis quotation was \$3.60 bid and offered at \$3.625. The prices on the day before yesterday were \$3.50 bid and \$3.65 asked.

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